GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4523
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2001
VISIT OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN STATES
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States in which the National Human Rights Commission has visited during the last three years and the findings thereof; and

(b) the reasons for sending National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in West Bengal bypassing the West Bengal Human Rights Commission in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) visited the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, the Union Territroy of Pondicherry and the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years. The visits were undertaken in order to sensitise the State Governments on the issues relating to protection and promotion of human rights, ensure speedy disposal of pending cases with regard to human rights violations and impress upon the Chief Ministers of the States on the need for setting up of State Human Rights Commission where no State Commission have been set up.

(b): the National Human Rights Commission took cognizance of a complaint on 29th December, 2000 alleging gross violation of human rights and wilful inaction by the State authorities in Midnapur District of West Bengal.

The National Human Rights Commission considered the question of its jurisdiction in the matter vis-Ã -vis the West Bengal Human Rights Commission vide its proceedings dated 14th February, 2001 in case No.624/25/2000-2001. The Commission concluded that its actions were in accordance with the provisions of the protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.